TO THE

Reader.

Courteous Reader,

IF *thoſe hours I have lately ſpent in this little Volume, may purchaſe thy contented peruſal, I ſhall not term them, as I once intended, Idle. I know it is hard to pleaſe all, eſpecially ſome Carping Criticks, that delight in nothing but cenſorious diſreputes; it is not to thoſe that I dedicate this, for I owe them no*

ſuch ſervice; but to thee that wilt encourage the firſt bloſſoms of my labours with thy favorable conſtruction, do I preſent this, with a promiſe that a ſecond part may follow, if I have cauſe to write my ſelf thy debtor.

Rodolphus.

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Fortune's Uncertainty,

OR

Youth's Unconſtancy.

IN the year 1652. by the peculiar and tender care of a moſt loving and indulgent Father, 'twas thought convenient (*Rodolphus*'s years then making him capable of Scholaſtick impreſſions) to place him abroad, not under an illiteral and raw-pated fellow, (of which ſort the world is too too full) but by a moſt prudential and paternal care, he was ſent to a grave and reverend old Gentleman, a Doctor of Divinity, whoſe life and learning ſpeaks him ſufficiently eminent: of this old

Gentleman, I may ſay as *Alexander* once ſpake of his Tutor *Ariſtotle*, that he owed more to him than to his natural Father; the one giving him a life only, the other learning and reaſon how to govern and preſerve that life: the time was more, than in ſuch like caſes is uſual, that he ſpent under the grave tuition of this diſcreet Schoolmaſter: and theſe advantages for a generous improvement, was likewiſe very great, and (eſpecially in thoſe depraved times) hardly to be parallel'd; for then was the time when Rebellion and Treaſon were counted Piety and Loyalty; then was the time when the glory of theſe three Nations lay buried and trampled under-foot; when the Nobility and Gentry were hunted by ſo many Wolves, and enforced to fly to Rocks and Mountains, to unfrequented places and dark Cells,

Cells, for their ſecurities; I ſay, in the midſt of theſe horrible tranſactions, *Rodolphus* found a priviledged place for an advantageous education; a place which by its then calmneſs, peaceable, and loving neighborhood, ſeem'd to repreſent a felicity far above earthly enjoyments; or a pleaſant ſpring, where for its tranquillity the innocent birds fly as to their ſanctuary: ſuch was the harmonious government and conduct of this wiſe Captain, that the flouriſhing youth more delighted in a ſubmiſſive obedience under his commands, than the rebellious rout did in all their tyrannizing cruelties: here was the Loadſtone that drew ſo many leſſer Luminaries to be its diligent attendants; nay I may boldly ſay, that *England* in thoſe times could ſcarcely afford ſuch a cluſtre of young Gentry as then lay at Anchor in that calm and ſmooth Har-

Harbour: 'tis a ſufficient proof that the Pilot was rarely skilful, otherwiſe the loſs of ſo many innocent Paſſengers had been inevitable, being forced to ſail through ſo perillous an Ocean: but thanks be to the Gods for the ſafe arrival of theſe Paſſengers into their deſired Port, and for our deareſt Guideſman's ſafe arrival into his everlaſting Port; the former attaining to theirs by our ever happy Kings return; the other at his by that *ſigneo canteo*, or ſweet reſignation of his life to a better place. But to proceed, *Rodolphus* had not been happy in the great enjoyment of this good ſociety above a year or two, but the youthful exorbitances of himſelf, and two or three more among them, invited them to ſuch extravagancies, that had not the ſeaſonable perſwaſions of ſome of their Relations interpoſed, they had been

been made uncapable of conſerving themſelves as members of that Society, by the juſt reſentments of their incenſed Maſter; for the daily complaints of the Country people, ſome lamenting the loſs of their Geeſe, others of their Turkeys and Hens, ſome of their fat Pigs, but moſt, of their Orchards being robb'd, did ſo perplex that good old Gentleman, that when he perceived private chaſtiſements (which they ſeldom wanted) would not prevail, he took a courſe leſs painful, but far more diſgraceful to them; for in his very Sermons he would take the opportunities of publick checks; nay, their crimes (and partly his age) would ſo highly provoke him, that he would often particularize their names in the open Congregation; which was ſo inſufferable, that two or three among them, moſt guilty,

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could not endure to be thus galled, but in revenge muſt needs be gone, every one to their particular friends, with proteſtations never to return, pretending ſome great injury received: They had no ſooner taken this reſolution, but they as ſoon put it in execution, and without giving the leaſt notice either to Maſter or Schoolfellows, they ſtole away to their ſeveral homes; and every one found alike entertainment, for as if their Relations had foreknown of their arrivals, and within themſelves concluded of their reception, though they lived many miles aſunder; yet thus went the humour, that no ſooner came they home, but as ſoon were they ſent back again, with their Parents ſervants with them, and Letters to the old Fox, who ſmilingly congratulated their return; but the next morning he taught them the dif-

difference between words and blows,& made every one of them know,that ſtolen Geeſe muſt have whipping Sauce: thus are they returned and reinſtated in ſo good a condition, that others more wiſe would think it a happineſs not to be parallel'd; but the School and the Rod were alwaies enemies to liberty and eaſe, and ſo thought they; yet neceſſity has no Law, for to their ſtudies they muſt, and indeed they might acknowledge a thanks, rather than diſcontent, for ſuch ſuppoſed ſeverities: for ſhould not youth be bridled from thoſe unſatiable and boundleſs extravagancies they are uſually guilty of, they might (*Phaëton*-like) with their unadviſed ambitions, hurl themſelves, and perhaps their relations, into many inconveniences, ſooner to be ſorrowed than quitted. Hiſtory and experience daily tells us of many woful examples

amples that giddy-headed young men run themſelves into: had *Icarus* been adviſed by the diſcreet foreſight of his wiſe Father *Dedalus*, (who too truly feared the ſucceſs of his ingenious Arts) perhaps to to this day we might have wanted a name for the *Icarian* Seas, or at leaſt have found one leſs ominous: but what need I dilate on that which a whole Cart-load of Books are full of, my intent is otherwiſe; therefore *ad rem*. By the ſtay'd and aweful authority of *Rodolphus* reſpected Tutor, he kept within bounds for two or three years after this firſt laſhing out, and indeed was never guilty of any notorious non-compliance (unleſs his ſelling ſome Books now and then, and loſing his cloaths at gaming, or the like) till from that Nurſery he found a removal into a more ſpacious Plantation, where he had a larger liberty to exer-

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ciſe his youthful inclinations than was heretofore allowed him; for no ſooner was he thought fit (perhaps more by favour than learning) for *Oxford*, but immediately with all poſſible care had he a Chamber, Tutor, and Servitour provided for him in that ancient and famous Colledge of *Chriſt-Church*; where he had not long continued, till he quickly found the want of that true and Orthodox Principle he was all along brought up in: A fine moderate methodical way of teaching was uſed by his Reverend Maſter, with ſuch a ſtaid gravity and piety, that his influence was very great upon the moſt ſtubborn Lad among them; but now the caſe is altered, *Quot capita tot ſententiæ*, and as *Ovid* ſaith in relation to the firſt Chaos, 'twas a *rudis indigeſtaque moles*, and ſo certainly did it appear here; for every body would be

be ſomething, and yet no body was any thing, eſpecially his little Tutor, who like a ſecond *Protæus* could ingeniouſly diſguiſe himſelf into the moſt ſafe ſhape; ſometimes one of *Goodwins* Diſciples, then a Preſbyterian Zealiſt; ſometimes a *Tea* and *Nay* muſt be the burden of the Song; then were they all Hobby-horſes without a ſecond Dip: thus ran he his diviſions, now a leſſon in Philoſophy, then in Divinity; ſometimes in Metaphyſicks, then in Mathematicks; ſure I am he had as many tricks as a dancing Bear, but they had quickly trick for trick with him: for whileſt he was beating his addle brains about new innovations, they were ſtill inventing new recreations; ſo that Billiards, Tennice, Bowls, Cards, Dice, each were as wel acquainted with them as all Phantaſtick Principles with him. Time runs apace, which makes

makes *Rodolphus* quickly paſs the months of a Freſhman, and ſoon underſtand that more honour lay under a ragged Gown than a new one; he quickly learned how to take things upon faith, and for half the worth to ſell them for ready money; he thought it a very good ſhift, for I am ſure among their rattle-headed pates, they rattled all away from poor young Gentlemen, who had nothing to help them but their money, and a very little of that too; for *Rodolphus* could never learn the art of turning his eyes topſy turvy, nor their long yaunings, nor falſe ſpittings, with their counterfeited ſmiles nor Crocodile tears; he could never do any thing of it, therefore muſt ſuffer for it: however in the midſt of theſe extremities he had comfort in having ſome Companions in his miſeries; for doubtleſs they had a

knot that could be as merry as they, and perhaps as drunk too, but not altogether ſoe private: they had not got the right way of the Preſbyterian drinking, and I hope never will. Thus after this mazed rate rubb'd he out, till the deſires of ſome of his Relations incited him to manly improvements, which quickly took ſo good effect, that he ſoon became a good Proficient in the art of Fencing; which ſurly exerciſe inanimated him ſo much, that he began to think himſelf a man; and indeed his age being then between 15 and 16 inabled him to execute that which gained him ſome applauſe with his Military Maſter, and likewiſe ſo good a ſort of acquaintance, that after a little time they dared ſo much confide in one another, that no ſecret or deſign whatever, but what was common among them.

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There were three beſides *Rodolphus*, who were fully reſolved to hazzard their fortunes in a year or two's Travel, and notwithſtanding two of them were elder Brothers, and now men of great Eſtates; yet their Credits were then ſo indifferent, that for the furtherance of this deſign they were not able to raiſe above thirty pounds, and that too by ſelling their Books, Bedding, and other Furniture of their Chambers. *Rodolphus*'s own ſtock was but ſmall, yet for the proſecution of ſuch Heroick Intentions, his endeavours were very earneſt; for what with his Bedding, Books, and Gown, and likewiſe his Credit, he made a ſhift to raiſe above twenty pounds: ſo that among them they had at leaſt fifty pounds. This great ſum, with the fear of a diſcovery made them almoſt mad; but to be quickly free from thoſe

doubts, they hired each of them a Hackney Horſe, (but never intended the owners ſhould ſee them again till their return:) being thus accoutred, and every thing ſecure, I know not what unhappy Planet diſcovered it, or what *Argus*'s eyes diſcern'd it; but certain I am, they were all diſcovered, and this hopeful deſign nipt in the very bud, and I fear me by the too too great induſtry of one of *Rodolphus*'s Relations, who having no inconſiderable Authority in *Oxford*, and having had ſome hint in the buſineſs (would the tongue were out that told it) immediately took half a dozen of the Officers of the Town with him, and made a general ſearch, but could hear nothing of them till eleven or twelve a clock at night, when they were all Booted and Spur'd, juſt going to take Horſe, the Officers met our

our young Scholars full butt in the Streets, who immediately bid them ſtand, and they as immediately bid them follow them, for they all took heels and run for't, their Conſciences frighting them more then their Followers; but Boots and Spurs, and other lumber about them, prevented their deſires, and ſlackned that expedition which they highly wanted in ſuch a caſe; ſo that they became preys to their enemies, but on very honourable terms; for when our young Scholars ſaw themſelves in the net, they were reſolved to run out of it, or break it, which made them draw, with a reſolution far exceeding their years, or cauſe, and commanded their purſuers at their perils to ſtand, which was obeyed, and a parley propoſed; which being accepted, they made their conditions according to their deſires, only were

fore'd to lay down their Weapons & retake themſelves again to their Gowns, but with a ſolemn engagement, that their Parents ſhould not be acquainted with this extravagancy, but ſhould return *Statu quo prius*. This being granted, they returned their monies to redeem their Beds, and ſatisfie other Creditors, which grieved them moſt of all; for certainly ſo great a ſum of Money was never ſeen among them: but according to promiſe all was huſht, and no notice taken of this frolick for a great while; but at laſt ſome malicious tongues began to whiſper ſo loud, that all the Town rang of it, ſo that Prayers and thanks were offered up by many of their poor Creditors for this fair deliverance, and the owners of the Horſes could not be backward in acknowledging their eſcape. Whether this were politickly divulged by

by any of their Relations, that others ſhould not truſt them any more, I will not now queſtion; but this I am ſure of, that their credits were grown ſo ſmall upon it, that they could keep open Shop no longer, but were forc'd to part, ſome one way and ſome another, till a more favourable day might bring them together again; which came to paſs according to their wiſhes, as in the proceſs of this diſcourſe you ſhall underſtand. In the midſt of theſe tranſactions, and ſome other little frolicks which are too inconſiderable to particularize, the Saint-like Tutor of our young *Rodolphus* began to be troubleſome, and thunder out his furious threats, which amounted to little leſs then excommunications: for he ſolemnly proteſted the very next extravagancy committed by our late criminal ſhould be puniſhed by no leſs a

chaſtiſement then an expelling; notwithſtanding all this *Rodolphus* was not yet ſatisfied, nor dreaded theſe ſevere pronunciations ſo much, but that he muſt have another fling; and a little while after a convenient opportunity preſented it ſelf; for the great fame of the Funeral ſolemnization of the late Uſurper began to grow ſo eminent, that he was no Gentleman that would not ſee ſuch a Ceremony: Our young Gallant was ſpurr'd on to this enterprize with earneſtneſs, for he never ſaw the famous City of *London* till then; his deſires therefore not to be ſatisfied, but by an accompliſhment, made him the more diligent in the proſecution thereof: but what inconveniences and ſhifts muſt he ſtill run into that has neither Money nor Credit to aſſiſt his deſigns? This certainly would diſcourage any but our Author, who

who was reſolved by hook or by crook for *London*: There were in the Colledge two or three of his aſſociates well principled young men, who had the ſame deſires; but that which was moſt to be lamented, the ſame purſes and credits likewiſe as himſelf; but *Labor omnia vincit improbus*, for the perpetual induſtry of our young Gentlemen amounted to ſo good an effect, that againſt the time *Rodolphus* had gotten not only two good Hackney-Horſes for himſelf and Servitor, but likewiſe a very rich embroiodred Coat, with Boots, Sword, and Belt, which the credulity of one of his Brothers Servants entruſted him with; his Companions were likewiſe ſucceſsful in every thing but Monies, for there was not twenty ſhillings among four of them and their Servants, at their leaving of *Oxford*; but gone they are,

Friends

Friends nor Tutors know not whither; they fear'd their flight to be beyond the Seas, and too late ſhut the Stable door; but they were all miſtaken, for *London* was the fartheſt place for their deſigned Travels. They were forc'd to lie one night upon the Road, which made ſuch a deep impreſſion into their little ſtock, that after their Reckoning paid, they had but two ſhillings left to carry them to *London*, & in what part to go to in that huge place they could not imagine; for to be near the *Temple* they dar'd not, ſome of their Relations being there reſident; to be near the Court they likewiſe were afraid, having ſeveral of their Kindred intereſſed too too much in that rebellious Compliance. This conſideration put our young Travellers into a great *non-plus*; but after a ſerious conſultation it was propoſed by one

one of them, that *Tuttle-ſtreet* would be moſt convenient to receive them, by reaſon that his Taylor dwelt there, who would be very neceſſary among them, being all ſtrangers in *London*: This propoſition was generally lik'd of, which made them ſteer their courſe directly thither, where in few hours after they ſafely arrived, and at the two neck't Swan took up their quarters, but could hear no news of the Taylor: they had no Money left, but ſpared not calling plentifully, their Horſes being good pledges for an honeſt payment. Well you ſee we have brought theſe young Scholars to *London*, where for a while we will leave them, and look back a little from whence they came, and how all things go there: Our young Gentlemens Tutors quickly found that the Birds were flown, and as quickly gave the Alarm to *Rodolphus*'s

phus's Relations, who lived not far from *Oxford*; they all proclaimed him the ring-leader of theſe Contrivances, and made him the chiefeſt criminal, when indeed they were all equals: they were ſo ſurprized at the ſuddenneſs of their flight, that had not the Credit of *Rodolphus* his Relations prevented it, they had ſent Hues and Cryes after them and their Horſes; but they look'd before they leapt, and wiſely conſidered that a better plaiſter could not be applied to this wound, then a diſcreet concealment; which being agreed amongſt them, they patiently waited the event, and daily put up their Orizons for a ſpeedy return of their ſuppoſed loſt Pupils: but whilſt the careful Tutors live in ſuſpence at *Oxford*, their jolly Pupils merrily divert themſelves at *London*; but their guilty fears often cauſed their jealous diſcontents,

tents, and put them into many dangerous frights; amongſt the reſt this is worthy the taking notice of: One day they muſt needs walk down to the Water-ſide, and being come neer the *Thames* in *Weſtminſter*-Yard, the Watermen (as they thought) came ſtrangely up towards them, crying, *Sculler or Oars, Sculler or Oars*? which confuſed noiſe our young Gentlemen not being acquainted with, verily believed them to be men ſet there on purpoſe to apprehend them, and really thought they had cryed *Scholars and Rogues, Scholars and Rogues!* which made them all return, but faſter than they came thither, never looking back till they had got to their quarters, and verily believed their eſcape proceeded from the ſwiftneſs of their flight: they no ſooner came in but immediately

diately they conſulted their ſecu-rities; and after a long and ſeri-ous debate, 'twas reſolved among them, that their beſt way would be to avoid this verily believed ſearch by changing their Lodg-ings; they could not effect their deſires by reaſon of a Reckoning not ſatisfied in their Inn, which put them almoſt to their wits end, and made *Rodolphus* try once more how to get their necks out of this confinement: he had a Si-ſter lived at *Hammerſmith*, which put him in hopes that if he ſhould go to ſee her, his credit, or her love would contribute to a ſupply ſuitable to their deliverance; he went accordingly and found her at home, but withal he likewiſe found at her houſe his Brother and other Relations, which for the reaſon aforeſaid, being clad and furniſh'd with his Brothers finery, he had as leave ſeen old Nick

Nick as his face at that preſent: he no ſooner underſtood of his Brothers being there, but as ſoon he made his eſcape, and returned as empty as he went thither of money, though fuller of fear; his neceſſities notwithſtanding daily encreaſing, and his credit decreaſing at his Quarters, he was inforced to ſend his Servitor within two or three days after, with a Letter to his Siſter, full of earneſtneſs for the lending of money; when he came to her ſhe made him alight (though contrary to the commands his Maſter gave him) and after ſhe had got him into her houſe, ſhe brought him to the Brother then ſo much feared by our young *Rudolphus*, who immediately took this puiſne Servitor to task, and after ſome great words made him confeſs where his Maſter lay; this being underſtood, th[illegible] immediately cauſed his

his Coach to be made ready, and with himſelf, Wife, and two or three of *Rodolphus*'s Siſters, put themſelves abord this Leather Bark, and by the aſſiſtance of the ſilly Guideſman, ſteared their courſe directly to his Maſters Harbour, and arrived within a very little time there, at the very inſtant when *Rodolphus* was ſelling one of his hired Horſes; but their coming changed the Scene, and as Fortune would have it, much for the better; for the great complaſance of *Rodolphus*'s Brother plainly teſtified his contentment rather than reſentments of his youthful frolicks. And after ſome little repaſt given by *Rodolphus* to theſe new come Gueſts, he calls for a Bill or Reckoning, which his Brother liberally paid, and redeemed theſe young Pawns from their unthrifty engagements; and gave order, that (the next day being the great

great ſhow of the ambitious formality of *Olivers* Funeral) *Rodolphus* ſhould wait on his Siſter-in-Law, to ſee what he ſo far came for; which he did accordingly, and had a conveniency far exceeding his expectations, and among perſons of ſo good a repute, and ſuch brave young Ladies, that our young Gentleman quite forgot his late extremities, and by this ſudden alteration did begin to believe that he was born to live a Courtier; but the very next day by the order of his grave and careful Father, who was then at the *Temple*, and had heard of his Sons laſhing out, he ſent one of his men with a command to ſee him ſafe home at his Colledge again, otherwiſe he ſhould certainly incur his Fathers diſpleaſure: theſe ſummons at firſt ſurprized *Rodolphus*, being juſt warm in the enjoyment of gallant company, and brave en-

tertainments; but the ſenſibility of his late crimes made him wiſely conſider, that it would not be ſafe to incenſe an already provoked Father too much; but ſince he he had ſo f ir an opportunity, and on ſuch good terms to return, he preſently obeyed, and gave a farewel (though unwillingly) to his late acquaintance; and with his Servitor, and Fathers Man took Horſe that very afternoon, having left his Fellow-Scholars two or three dayes before, and tends his courſe for *Oxford*, where the next day he arrived, without any conſiderable adventure on the Road; and coming to his Chamber, he accidentally met with his Tutor in the Quadrangle, and after ſome complements paſſed, this little puppet muſt needs begin to charm his harſh Pipe, and take the liberty to check his Pupil for his late extravagancy; but the *London*

don Air had ſo much altered our young Gentleman, that no ſuch *Oxford* breath was pleaſing to him, which made him roughly quit his Tutors Company, and tell him, that if he found no better welcomes from others then from him, he would return from whence he came, where (as he ſaid) he ſhould be free from ſuch taunts. This is the ſecond time of *Rodolphus*'s reſetlement in his Colledge-life, after two conſiderable flyings out, and had not the muſical temptations of the warlike Inſtruments invited him abroad, perhaps at this day we might have found him in *Chriſt-Church*; but what certainty can be expected from Women and young Men, the one repreſenting the Winde, the other the Weather, for their unconſtancy? One day *Rodolphus* with two or three of his accuſtomed companions, being drinking a glaſs

of Wine together at the Mermaid-Tavern in *Oxford*, accidentally ſaw marching up the high Street, a gallant Party of Horſe, bravely accoutred, and well mounted, advancing with their Officers at the head of them, and their naked Swords in their hands in ſo noble a poſture, that it hugely delighted our young Gentlemen, but eſpecially *Rodolphus*; who being raviſht with a martial reſolution, immediately began to incite and encourage the mindes of his Aſſociates, with a deſire of compleating that gallant company with their own perſons and endeavours; he need not ſtrike fire twice, the tinder receiving the firſt ſpark without denial; for no ſooner had they contriv'd a conveniency, but as ſoon they executed it, and without further delay immediately pawned their Gowns in the Tavern, and merrily drank the Health of their new

new Admirers, as far as the worth of their Gowns would permit them; and afterwards ſolemnly proteſted, that in exchange of ſuch a Monkiſh Habit, they would put on the Buff-Coat, with the iron Hat and Doublet, and never wear Gown more in *Oxford*. This reſolution, by moſt of them was quickly put in execution, but particularly by our *Rodolphus*, who by the intereſt of ſome acquaintance in thoſe Troops (when perſwaſions of Friends could not prevent it) got himſelf muſtred among them; and his delight in that military employment gave him no cauſe to repent of his change of life; for favour libertized him ſo much, that he was ſeldom ſenſible of any hardſhip or Duty; but riding about and exerciſing among them when he pleaſed was grown a cuſtom to him, till one of his Relations (a Colo-

nel of that Army) reſolving to make him a Souldier, began to have a ſtrict eye over him, and kept him at laſt ſo cloſe to his Duty, that as often as it came to his turn, he was forc'd to watch with his Comrades; which then made him perceive the difference between a hard Board-Bed at *Pauls*, and a ſoft Feather-Bed at *Chriſt-Church*. Notwithſtanding this rough uſage, our young Souldier's reſolutions were too great to admit of the leaſt diſcouragements in his Martial Proceedings; for ſo much was his delight in this new kinde of life, that he neglected not only fair opportunities of more conſiderable advantages then he at that time enjoyed, but likewiſe by no perſwations whatever could he be invited from that rambling and looſe kinde of life, to a noble and gentile education at the *Temple*, which his Friends would

would then moſt willingly have beſtowed on him. This intended perſeverance continued not ſo long, but perhaps the too too ſevere checks and Commands of a Brother, which was then his Colonel, urgeth a *Vale* from ſuch infranchiſements by our young Souldier: A diſobedience to his Superior Officer he well knew was not to be tollerated, nor proper for a Souldier to be guilty of; but a neglect of a Brothers commands he thought pardonable, or at leaſt would make it ſo; there being ever a natural antipathy, in ſuch caſes; for equals in birth and nature could never yet ſubject themſelves to a willing compliance of each others humours: this being then the caſe of *Rodolphus*, he fully determined to venture his fortunes in one year or two's Travel, rather then ſubmit himſelf to a Brothers Commands, having at

that time a moſt convenient encouragement to execute his intended deſigns; for two of of thoſe young Scholars which, as you have heretofore heard, parted with him at *Chriſt-Church*, came and found out their old Aſſociate, which they ſo long wanted, and after a mutual congratulation given and received among them, they ſoon reſolved what was to be done, and being pretty well provided for their Voyage, they all parted from *Tanton-Dean* (where *Rodolphus* then quartered) and with what privacy poſſible got to *Plymouth*, where they intended to take ſhipping: and being there ſafely arrived, their firſt buſineſs was to enquire what Veſſels were bound outward, and whither; which being asked, 'twas known that two were then ready for *France*, and ſtayed for nothing but the advantage of a fair wind:

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which news was not a little welcome to theſe young Gentlemen, *France* being the ſtage coveted by them all to act their firſt parts in. They quartered at the *Three Cranes*, where they began to diſcover that a perſon of more than ordinary quality lay there windbound, and afterwards underſtood his imbarking to be in the ſame Veſſel which they intended to venture in: this perſon of quality took great delight in our young Travellers, and gave them ſuch large and generous proffers of his civilities, that this unexpected good fortune hugely animated *Rodolphus* and his companions, who began to think themſelves the happieſt young men living; they wanted nothing but a wind to waft them over that uncertain Element, nor deſired nothing more; they lived gentilely where they lodged, and made but

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few meals, which was not in the company of the ſuppoſed Nobleman: but who muſt I complain of; or what Deſtiny directs things ſo ſeverely, that our poor *Rodolphus* can never rightly accompliſh his generous inclinations? we ſee him here ſafe at *Plymouth*, and in a company which his very ſoul delighted in; yet we muſt ſound a a retreat, and reſign a contented enjoyment for an uncertain diſappointment: but we hourly ſee the faireſt day has ſome ſhowers, and the moſt ſerene ſkie in the morning, often clouded with dark vapours by noon; thus we find *Rodolphus* his unparallel'd contentment ſoon eclipſed by the too curious ſearch of his brothers Soldiers, who no ſooner found him wanting, but he ſent a Party after him with a full Commiſſion to bring him back again: this deſign of his brothers was diſcover-

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ed to *Rodolphus* by one of his Siſters, before 'twas altogether put in execution, which inforced him to ſell his Horſe, which he intended to tranſport, but worſt of all, to leave that dear company he ſo entirely loved; and that very night the Soldiers came into *Plymouth* in ſearch of him, he privately took Poſt-Horſes, and by the next morning got to *Exeter*, where he met with very kind Letters from his brother, with notice that he had got him a Commiſſion for Cornet of Horſe: this news at firſt ſtartled *Rodolphus*, but at laſt he conſidered that this might be only a trap to enſnare him in, and a decoy to invite him to his own Net, which made him take no notice of theſe Letters, but made what haſte he could to *Englands* Metropolis, where he aſſured himſelf of a privacy ſutable to his neceſſitated ſecurity; he took freſh Poſt-

Poſt-Horſes at *Exon*, and rid with all Expedition till he came to *Salisbury*; but there he met with ſo infallible aſſurances of his brothers reality, and likewiſe ſome ſeaſonable advice and perſwaſions to return and comply with his brothers humours, that from *Salisbury* he went directly to his brothers, who lay but eight miles from thence, and found a very civil reception from him, with a Cornets Commiſſion in his brothers Pocket, according as his Letters ſignified: but theſe fair Propoſals could not invite our *Rodolphus* to put his neck again under the diſaffected yoke of his brothers Priviledges, which as his ſuperior Officer, he had over him; but inſtead of his Commiſſion he deſired to ride in General *Monks* Life-Guard (who was then lately come out of *Scotland*:) his brother ſeeing him thus averſe in

in a ſecond re-engagement, and perceiving his neglect of ſuch fair proffers, gave way to his own inclinations, and with Letters of recommendation to Sir *Philip Howard* ſent him going, who being glad of ſuch an Errand, with Horſe and Arms, and other accommodations ſutable for ſuch employments, he gets to *London*, where he ſoon found out Sir *Philip*, and received the ſatisfaction of a very civil reception from that ever Honourable perſon, with a promiſe of an admittance into the Guard the very next Muſter; which afterwards was accordingly performed, with a civility and reſpect far exceeding his expectations: but *Rodolphus* being yet very young, not exceeding 18. or 19. at moſt, began to laſh out there more then ever; for he ſoon perceived that his years had not yet made him capable of ſuch experimented

mented Companions as Life-Guard-Men: his money whilſt it laſted fled merrily about, and in leſs then a twelve-month his Horſes head was ſwoln ſo big, that he could not get him out of the Stable door; a diſeaſe very incident and almoſt infectious among thoſe Gentlemens Horſes. This accident hapning in a very bad time, made *Rodolphus* almoſt mad, and put him to his wits end for new ſhifts how to rub out; which he endeavoured ſo long, that he rub'd every thing bare he had to do withal, and at laſt rub'd himſelf out of the Guard: *Rub, rub, and a good caſt*, the Proverb goes; I am ſure here were rubs enough, and yet the caſt bad. This one years extravagancy did not only coſt his Relations ſeveral ſums of Money, beſides his pay, but likewiſe contracted debts, not inconſiderable to him: notwithſtanding

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which, upon a ſerious promiſe of reformation, our *Rodolphus* was again received into his Fathers affection, who paid all his debts, and plac'd him in the *Temple*, with ſo great a care and conveniency, that he liv'd amongſt, and convers'd with the beſt of that Honourable Society: but having not yet ſowed his wilde Oats, and finding the Law-French, very crabid in compariſon of the ſmooth ſtile of *Pembrokes Arcadia*, or a *Scudamores Caſſandra*, he was not able to endure ſuch harſh Lectures, deſpairing of ever attaining to that knowledge of the Law, which ſome of his Predeceſſors has been very eminent in; which conſideration made him once more deſign to ſee ſome other then the Engliſh world; which his Relations perceiving, and ſeeing that nothing would tame this unbridled youth but champing on the bit, they

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ningly contrived his transportation to a place far different to his expectations, and in a condition befitting the worst of Criminals; for instead of a plausible voyage to see the world, and benefit an accomplishment by it, he was fairly shipt for *Virginia*, and as fairly sold as any Slave that ever went thither. Now *Rodolphus* has brought his Hogs to a fair Market, and has solitary Woods enough in that unfrequented place, to moan his unexpected and intolerable misery: I verily believe the worst of his lives in *England* would then have been as welcome to him, as liberty is to those whose strict confinement forbids their seeing the Sun for some years; but 'tis too late to repent, too late to wish, or almost hope, he sees himself bought and sold like a Nag in

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Smithfield, and he that gave moſt for him had him: Is this the ſucceſs *Rodolphus* of all thy enterprizes, and are thy generous undertakings but a breeding qualm of this prodigious birth? is this the prize of thy alwayes large endeavours? ſurely, ſurely, thy deſigns were never ſo mechanick to purchaſe ſuch mean ſucceſſes; but thou art not the firſt thus horribly plunged, for at this day the Turkiſh Gallies afford too many preſidents of like, or worſe effects to noble and generous ſouls. Had our *Rodolphus* enjoyed but a companion in theſe extremities, I have often heard him ſay, that his burden would then have been but light; for his charity was then ſo little, that he did not only bemoan his Aſſociates felicities in their French Travels, but with reality wiſht them at his dirty employments: The Mattock and

the Axe muſt be the only company for *Rodolphus* diverſions, which at firſt ſeemed moſt ſevere, the beginning of enterprizes being uſually more hard then the effecting them; but *uſe makes perfectneſs*; ſo that our young *Virginian* paſſeth his ſlavery with a better performance, and far better content then at his firſt arrival; he daily improves himſelf in thoſe ſtrange exerciſes, and quickly learnt to be ſo good a Cooper, that he may never deſpair of an ordinary livelihood from his late gotten ſkill: His uſual exerciſe was felling down Trees, hooping of Hogſheads; and his taſk would be often ſo ſevere, that grim deſpair would ſometimes preſent himſelf in thoſe Woods, which are fitting for nothing more then ſuch helliſh Executioners; but providence protected him with patience, and at laſt gave him an opportunity of a fair deliverance:

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for by the ſudden fancy and opinion of a generous ſoul (for whoſe ſake *Rodolphus* continues a Vaſſal to her Sex) he found his liberty from his tyrannizing Maſter, and a fair priviledge for his ſafe return: he meets with this Charitable Woman by accident, who came into a Barn where he was working, and being very inquiſitive about ſeveral particulars, ſhe immediately grew ſo concern'd for him, that ſhe told him he was his own man; for ſhe had already bought him as her own Slave, therefore he was at her diſpoſe, and might go or come when and where he pleaſed: This unheard of generoſity ſurprized our young Captive ſo much, that had he found the leaſt correſpondency either in Birth, Parts, or perſon with himſelf, or indeed had he found either Youth or Beauty in her, I am perſwaded his ſoul was then ſo full of gratitude, that he

would have thought of no other requital then himſelf to give her; but where all ſuch invitations are wanting, and only the relicks of a rough Planter to be courted, he thought the return of her immenſe kindneſſes could not be better acknowledged then by preſent thanks, and future profit, as he plentifully promiſed; for indeed had there been all that belongs to the accompliſhment of a woman in this Virginian Widow, his youthful Inclinations were already prepoſſeſt, and the intire affections which he then owed to a young Lady in *England*, made him altogether incapable of a ſecond paſſion: ſeeing therefore he could not poſſibly ſatisfie the expectation of his Benefactreſs (who certainly had more then an ordinary reſpect for him) he began wiſely to conſider the promiſing danger he was liable unto in a long ſtay there;

there; for as women are the beſt things living, if pleaſed, ſo once being incenſed, are they the worſt things breathing. Hiſtory is ſo full of diabolical deſigns, and executions of theſe ſort of Furies, that he fully reſolved to ſhun the event, and not allow opportunity a conveniency to make him the ſubject of ſuch tranſactions: but ſince fortune had been ſo favourable to open the Priſon Door, and unlock'd his Fetters, he thought it high time to rouze himſelf, and not to abuſe that unconſtant Deities civility, fearing her frowns, as well as rejoicing at her ſmiles: he therefore with all privacy and expedition prepares for a farewel from thoſe wild Barbarians, who had ſo often made his heart to bleed by their Turkiſh uſages; and after ſome little time ſpent in the obſervance of that pleaſantly made Country, he left

thoſe parts with as much joy, as with grief he came to them. I have often heard him ſpeak with ſo great a delight, and ſo much favour of the Country it ſelf; that the pleaſantneſs thereof was the only cauſe of his patient ſufferings; for in the midſt of his ſlavery he would divert himſelf with the ſeveral objects of wild beaſts, and the natural order of a pleaſant Wilderneſs; he obſerved it to be ſcituated in a moderate Clime, and a commonly ſerene ſkie; he found the whole Country a Grove full of Oaks, Pines, Cedars, Cypreſs, Lawrel, Saſſafras, Mulberries, Plum-trees, Peaches, and Vines, all of ſo delectable an aſpect, that the melancholieſt eye in the world could not look upon it without contentment, nor content himſelf without admiration: there are no ſhrubs or underwoods to choak up

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the paſſage; and in its ſeaſon your foot can hardly direct it ſelf, where it will not be died in the blood of large and delicious Strawberries; the plenty of Fiſh, Fowl, and Beaſts, fitting for the ſuſtenance of man, are innumerable: And indeed there is nothing wanting in this fruitful and plentiful Country, that can be deſired for the ſatisfaction of the moſt voluptuous wiſhes. But 'tis time to follow our *Rodolphus*, who is now tumbling over mountains of Seas, and in ſo rough a ſeaſon, that the memory of man never afforded ſuch a ſtormy paſſage; 'twas the great Hurricane, that blew ſo many Trees from their mother Earth, which by providence brought home our young Traveller, though hundred others ſteept their bodies in *Neptunes* brine; no Sun appeared in many weeks to direct the Seaman's obſervation; nothing but

ſhowers and bluſtring ſtorms; the *Porpoiſes* ſkipping and ſwarming about the Ships, plainly told them of their preſent dangers; and the hourly ſpectacles of moſt ſad and lamentable Shipwracks portended their own deſtructions, without an Almighty Providence: in this horrible condition ſailed they through the turbulent Element, and at laſt upon the Engliſh Coaſt, in *Briſtol* Channel they were caſt away, and amongſt 36 Paſſengers and Seamen, five only eſcaped this furious violence, among which *Rodolphus* was one, who could not ſwim, nor aſſiſt himſelf in any thing more than deſiring the help of the Almighty Aſſiſtor, who miraculouſly preſerved his life, and pulled him out of *Neptunes* jaws, whileſt others were ſwallowed up by that greedy Devourer: but after a tedious and inſenſible tumbling in the Seas, their

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cruelty at laſt ceaſed, being appeaſed with the Victim of 30 of them at leaſt; the reſt being caſt on the neighbouring Rocks, where they made a ſhift to ſcramble from that unkind entertainment they lately received; and after the warm Sun and fixt foundation had a little comforted them, they began to revive like thoſe which newly came forth of a deadly Trance; and when their frozen tongues began to melt, they firſt expreſt their joy for the great mercy of this admirable deliverance, and with the ſame tongues lamented the loſs of all their poor acquaintances, with ſo great a ſorrow, that the very Rocks they then ſate on ſeemed to accompany their complaints; they ſaw the Bodies, Goods, and Veſſel of their loving friends toſt on the Seas, with ſo angry a motion, as if they reſolved to revenge

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poor *Rodolphus*'s eſcape on thoſe already inanimates; they were not able to endure this pitiful ſpectacle, but with what haſt their feeble limbs would permit, they got away, hunger and cold forcing a march; the beſt furniſht among them was ſo poorly clad, that *Rodolphus* was beſt provided, having only a Shirt, Waſtcoat, and Linings; but his charity would not permit him to wear them, for the Captain of the Veſſel, who was likewiſe ſaved from this miſerable ſhipwrack, had not ſo much as a Shirt to his back, which forced *Rodolphus* to lend him his, leaving himſelf only Linings and Waſtcoat. In this poor habit march they along, being neer twenty miles from *Briſtol*, and being forced to live on the charitable contribution of the better ſort of Houſholders till they got thither, *Rodolphus* was the Speaker where-

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ever they came, and plaid the part of a Beggar ſo well, that had they been for a conſiderable time to endure this kind of life; they perceived this begging Oratory would keep them from a hungry belly, or at leaſt a ſtarving; but they were not the right ſort of Ramblers, who deſtine their lives to ſuch theeviſh and lazy exerciſes; for their bare feet, and almoſt bare backs, gave them many bitter remembrances, and ſharply adviſed their ſpeedy deliverance out of thoſe neceſſities: they often found taunts and threts, as well as compaſſion and relief; which made them of an opinion, that none has thoſe priviledges in the diſcovery of mens affections and conditions, as theſe State Caterpillers: They went ſtill to the better ſort of Houſes, and if any of them proved to be Gentlemen, they could give ſo civil

civil a ſatisfaction of any demand propoſed, that moſt were apt to believe they were not born wanderers. One day they all addreſſed themſelves towards a houſe, which by its largeneſs and ſcituation, promiſed the owner to be a man of repute, and to them a plentiful relief; being come thither they received but a ſurly anſwer from a kind of Porter, who was at the Gate; but poverty enforcing patience, made them bear his uncivil language without retort, and continue for ſome while in an open Hovel, to repoſe their weary limbs, and refreſh their coming ſtomacks with thoſe Proviſions the charity of ſome had beſtowed on them; it chanced whileſt they were thus employed, that a maid-ſervant belonging to this Gentlemans houſe, accidentally came to the Hovel, and finding theſe poor Travellers ſitting

ſitting on pieces of old Carts and other lumber, and in ſuch a ſtrange guiſe, her tender heart began to take compaſſion at this unexpected ſight, which made her courteouſly aſk what they were, and whether they expected relief from that Houſe? this emboldned the heart-broken Paupers, to let her know their conditions, and deſire her if ſhe were a Chriſtian, and had any conſideration of goodneſs (which was not poſſible, as *Rodolphus* told her, that one of her aſpect could want) that ſhe would do them the kindneſs to let the Maſter of the houſe know that ſome poor ſhipwrackt Travellers were without, and to deſire him to conſider their condition: this well-diſpoſed Maid was ſo glad of the Errand, as if ſhe believed the execution thereof to be meritorious, and delivered her meſſage with ſo good a ſucceſs, that orders were

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preſently given to theſe newly-begun Beggars to come to the Hall door, where (out of curioſity) ſtood the Miſtreſs of the Houſe, with ſeveral other Gentlewomen, expecting their coming; they had not waited long ere they ſaw our Travellers, whoſe extremities put wings to their feet, and made them advance with a motion well teſtifying their wants: the Ladies firſt demands were, from whence they came, and what they were, with many other queſtions; which being anſwered by *Rodolphus*, they began more curiouſly to obſerve theſe Wanderers, and finding ſomething in them more than in the common ſort of ſuch Vagabonds, the young Ladies then began to be more inquiſitive in knowing their names, birth, and Country; all which *Rodolphus* gave them ſo plentiful an account of, and ſo true a one, their names

names only excepted, (for 'twas pre-agreed among them, to go under the notion and aſſume other names, by reaſon of their poverty) that they were not only highly ſatisfied in the reality of that free declare, but the Lady of the Houſe with a ſtrong paſſion flies out in the admiration of providence, who ſhe verily believed had brought to her a neer and deer Relation in the perſon of *Rodolphus*; ſhe runs to him with open arms, and embraceth him with ſuch earneſtneſs, that it hugely ſurprized the ſtanders by: by this we may ſee, that if the ſuppoſed belief of conſanguinity has power to create ſo great a kindneſs, what then muſt be the force of blood not miſtaken; if *Rodolphus* found himſelf from a beggar wrapt in the ſweet embraces of a worthy Lady, by an abuſed opinion, what had been his reception

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or rather his happineſs, if truth would have allowed a ſympathy in theſe affections? but as his caſe then ſtood, he thought it not convenient to undeceive this well-minded Lady, but let her run on in this kind error, till by her aſſiſtance he might do himſelf and Companions ſome ſervice in their neceſſities; he therefore returns her chaſt careſſes, with an expreſſion as zealous as her own, and admired his better Fortune in guiding him to ſo deer a Kinſwoman, as he call'd her. The name he took on him chanced to be her maiden name, and his pretended Father her own Uncle; he did it not unadviſedly, for he pickt out a Family which was gentile and ancient; and ſuch a Family, that if by accident he ſhould meet with any that knew them, he could give as good an account of them as of his own;

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'tis not convenient to give the name he then owned, let it therefore ſuffice, that by it he got this good Kinſwoman, who ſpent no longer time in an airy congratulation; for being ſenſible of their wants, ſhe preſently commands a good Fire to be made in the Hall, and what dry clothes the houſe afforded, to ſhift their wet and thin Garments; the aſſiſting hands of every one of thoſe pretty Ladies to this charitable work made all things inſenſibly ready; and when they ſaw the ſcarcity of mens apparel, Smocks and Petticoats were immediately brought in, and ſo comfortably aired and warmed, that our drooping and benummed Travellers found a ſweet refreſhment and alteration by this ſeaſonable relief: The next conveniency provided, was good Liquor and Meat to nouriſh and cheriſh them within; and that nothing

might be wanting to the compleating of theſe unparallel'd kindneſſes, the Ladies (as ſoon as they were ſhifted) came in to them, and by their preſence made them far more happy then by all their other bountiful proviſions. *Rodolphus* was quite at a ſtand for words ſuitable for a grateful return; yet he expreſt himſelf ſo conveniently, that they were all aſſured their kindneſſes were not beſtowed on thoſe that wanted thankful ſouls. Now begins the Lady once more to be earneſt with her new found Kinſman, to give her a true and impartial account of all his Travels and ſucceſſes, and likewiſe of his Relations, ſhe being almoſt a ſtranger among them, by the great diſtance of place Marriage had confined her unto. *Rodolphus* was as free in obeying as ſhe in deſirings; ſo that ſhe ſoon underſtood what ſhe requeſted, and not with

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ſo ſmall a ſatisfaction, but that the beſt things in this good Gentlewomans houſe were all too bad for the accommodation of her ſhipwrackt Couſin. *Rodolphus*'s companions were no loſers by his good ſucceſs, for whatever he enjoyed was freely diſtributed among them; he would not accept of the leaſt particular aſſiſtance, which might any wayes capacitate his condition better then theirs. Time runs and it grows late, which made them think of a farewel that night; ſo that they all parted to their ſeveral lodgings, where (eſpecially our weary Travellers) did ſoundly repoſe their weary Limbs: they aroſe the next morning with an intent to go on in their pilgrimage; they waited ſome hours to ſee the Ladies, and to give them an adieu: at laſt they left their night Quarters, and came among

their Gueſts, with a new addition of their yeſterdayes gallantry; and indeed in ſo noble a garb were the young Ladies, and in ſo advantageous a dreſs, as if they deſigned to make a conqueſt of Love as well as Courteſie to their already Priſoners. *Rodolphus* and the Captain of the loſt Veſſel, though in their ordinary Habit, yet were very pleaſant and merry among them, and without offence took a freedom befitting ſuch company. The Lady of the houſe would needs have obliged *Rodolphus* in the acceptance of a very noble ſuit of clothes, which were lately made for her Husband, but never on his back, he being at *London* when they came home; he could not out of civility but put them on, the importunities of the Lady commanding it; but proving much too big for him, he gladly returned them with thanks, for he

he had a real deſire to ſee his own Relations in the condition he was then in, believing to move ſome of them to a ſorrow, eſpecially thoſe whom he thought the cauſe of this mechanick Voyage. In this time Dinner was providing, which being brought in, they broke up other diſcourſes, and exerciſed themſelves one hour at leaſt, at that which no leſs than their lives were concerned in. *Rodolphus* took this opportunity, being altogether, to declare his own and Companions thanks for all their generous obligations, and then in his own behalf more particularly he made his application to his Kinſwoman, concluding with an earneſt requeſt that he might without diſobedience leave her; for notwithſtanding no perſons or company whatever could be more ſatisfactory or deer to him than her ſelf and the other

Ladies, yet the neceſſity of his parting was ſo extreme, that no perſwaſion whatever could invite his l nger ſtay; which the Ladies perceiving, they would not longer load him with importunities, but after mutual and loving Embraces they parted, our Travellers towards *Briſtol*, and I verily believe the Gentlewoman to her Cloſet, where with freedom ſhe might vent her charitable ſorrows for thus parting with her poor Kinſman; but ſhe was ſomething ſatisfied with the Captains aſſurance that he gave her at parting, which was, that he doubted not of ſupplies ſufficient to accommodate all their neceſſities when they arrived at *Briſtol*; for notwithſtanding he was a ſtranger in that City, yet he believed to meet with a Confident, who would anſwer his expectations, were it for hundreds: this belief

lief purchaſed the diſcontented Ladies ſatisfaction, thinking her Couſin would find a better accommodation by the Captains aſſiſtance, than by her neglected proffers; yet this mirror of goodneſs could not be at quiet after *Rodolphus* was gone, but ſhe muſt needs ſend a truſty Meſſenger after them to obſerve thoſe inconveniencies ſhe was jealous they would engage in; and likewiſe gave orders, that if her Servant perceived they were diſappointed in their *Briſtol* expectations, he ſhould immediately proffer to furniſh *Rodolphus* with forty pounds to be at his diſpoſe: thus marched our Travellers being fourteen miles from *Briſtol*, with the Ladies Servant following them unperceived, and by their willingneſs they got to their journeys end that night; they took up their quarters at a mean Ale-houſe, places of greater

repute refuſing the entertainment of ſuch naked Gueſts; the honeſt Servant comes to the ſame houſe, took a room next to theirs, and diligently obſerved and liſtened to their diſcourſe, which he perceived full of admration and thanks for his Miſtreſſes civilities, and likewiſe full of ſorrow and complaint for their preſent miſeries, being fruſtrated of all hopes of ſupplies in that unacquainted City, by the late death of the Captains friend: this being underſtood by the faithful Meſſenger, the next morning for our ſorrowful Travellers Breakfaſts he gave them the comfortable news of his Miſtreſſes commands, and told *Rodolphus*, that if he refuſed her deſired courteſie, ſhe ſhould then have great cauſe of unkindneſs for him: this unheard of generoſity ſtrangely obliged *Rodolphus*, and put him almoſt to his wits

wits end, whether 'twere beſt or not to receive this ſum, doubting his diſability of a punctual payment, and ſo made guilty of the horribleſt unhandſomneſs in the world, by abuſing the beſt of women; but now being abſent from her, and neceſſity ſpeaking aloud for an acceptance, he thanked the Meſſenger, and told him, ſince his Couſins commands were ſo, he dared not diſobey her, eſpecially being utterly unprovided for any thing neceſſary towards his long Travels: this made the Servant go with expedition where he was ordered to receive the money; he no ſooner demanded it but had it, and no ſooner received it, but paid it to *Rodolphus*, who liberally rewarded his honeſty, and with a Letter full of acknowledgments ſent him back to his Miſtreſs; and out of hand provided himſelf of

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a very handſome ſuit of Clothes, and ſome good Linnen, and furniſht the Captain with twenty pound, who accommodated the wants of his Seamen, and ſo they parted, *Rodolphus* to his Fathers in *Oxfordſhire*, the Seamen to their homes at *London*. What a redemption providence has beſtowed on our lately miſerable wanderers, let the reader judge; and if he thinks on't, and not admire it, I am deceived; for from a wretched and diſtreſſed Beggar, in a place as uncapable and deſtitute of acquaintance as *Virginia* it ſelf; from a poor and miſerable ſlave in the *Indies*, to be thus reſtored, not only to his former liberty and native Country, but likewiſe delivered from ſuch a horrid and dangerous ſhipwrack, and from a naked and deſpicable poverty to a gallant and gentile equipage: I ſay this is not only unpa-

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rallel'd but miraculous. *Rodolphus* is on his march for *Oxfordſhire*, where he ſoon arrived; but 'twas in vain to aver his ſufferings, nor yet his loſſes; none admitting a belief by reaſon of his then gallantry, for he made himſelf as fine as poſſible, and took Sir *Walter Raleighs* advice as authentick, that all young men ſhould rather endeavour an equipage above then below their qualities; he needed not ſuch a ſpur to prompt him to that which his own inclinations alwayes invited him unto, but more particularly at this time; for extreams being commonly the Scenes and Parts of ſuch Actors, he thought he could not better quit the opinion of his late poverty, then by a glorious and ſplendid ſhew of gallantry, let the world ſee, that he could become ſuch a garb as well as his late rags: His Relations were full of hopes and

and expectations of ſome conſide-
rable return from his long voyage:
but they ſoon underſtood his
chiefeſt Riches and Merchandize
to be on his back. About this
time our Queen *Katharine* arrived
at *Portſmouth*, and an Army was
deſigned for *Portugal*, the Lord
Inchequeen being their General.
This deſign was cried up to the
Skies, and extoll'd with ſuch high
Encomiums, that he had not the
ſpirit of a Gentleman, who would
not teſtifie his Loyalty by this for-
reign ſervice. *Rodolphus* had
ſcarce reſted his toſs'd and wearied
Body at his Fathers houſe, but he
muſt once more expoſe himſelf to
the mercy of that rugged Ocean
which lately had been ſo diſcour-
teous to him; and having a Rela-
tion that went a Commander in
this expedition, he got the conſent
(by perpetual importunities) of
his Parents, and liſted himſelf in

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a Weſtern Gentlemans Troop, which then lay at *Plymouth* ready to take Shipping; and by the favour of his new Captain, muſtred a man: Being thus provided with a couple of able Geldings, and good Clothes, and Money, he took Shipping with the reſt of the Souldiers: and by the favour of a freſh and moderate Gale they ſoon arrived at *Lisbon*, where they found a plauſible reception at their firſt landing, with Bonfires and ringing of Bells, and many other tokens of outward Joy: ſome of the Officers and a few young Gentlemen, at their firſt arrival landed at *Lisbon*, the reſidue of the Army being tranſported farther in the Countrey. Among thoſe that ſtayed behind to have the advantage of ſeeing that famous City, was *Rodolphus*, whoſe curioſity made him earneſt for that liberty which eaſily was granted

granted by his Superiors; they dreſt themſelves at their firſt entrance into the City, with all the advantages imaginable, and had the honour of kiſſing King *Alphonſoes* hand; who ſeeing ſuch a gallant Company, he pleaſantly told them, that his deſires to his Brother, were (meaning the King of *England*) to accommodate him with Souldiers to fight with the Spaniard, but he believed he had ſent him his Courtiers to kiſs his Country-women. I verily believe, there was never a more gallant party went out of *England* upon any deſign whatever, than were that Regiment of Horſe which *Inchequeen* commanded; of ſix hundred, there were at leaſt four hundred of them Gentlemens Sons; they came into the Country full of money and gallantry, and thoſe which ſurvived left it as full of poverty and neceſ-

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ſity: But they ſtartled the *Portu-guees*, and made that proud people confeſs, that few Princes in Chriſtendom, but muſt vail their Bonnet to *Britains* King. I ſhall not inſiſt upon any thing which is not directly to *Rodolphus*'s concerns; I ſhall wave therefore the giving any account of that Brigado, or of their ſeveral marches and ſeparations, with many eminent adventures and tranſactions which hapned among them, and proſecute our mark with a diligent endeavour, not leaving him an hour without a ſtrict obſervance of his actions in this relation. *Rodolphus* was highly taken with *Lisbon*, he admired the ſcituation of it, with the noble Harbour and gallant appearance of ſhiping, which was conſtantly riding under their very windows; he liked extremly the ſeveral orders of the Religioſes, both men and women, and

and was not diſſatisfied with their contraries the Temporals, whoſe Faſhions and Cuſtoms, with their plauſible civilities, made them much eſteemed by our young Traveller: his chiefeſt exerciſe (whileſt he continued at *Lisbon*) was the hunting of the wild Bore; which heroick ſport was much advanced by the Kings preſence, who ſeldome miſt on *Mondays* and *Thurſdays* thoſe pleaſant diverſions: his ſtay was not long there, becauſe of that obligation all Soldiers are bound unto by an unavoided reſidence; he therefore with two or three more of his Comrades, makes what haſte he can after the already march'd Soldiers, but withal took the advantage of ſeeing thoſe Cities and other places of greateſt repute, which lay in or near their way: this cauſed their journey to be hugely pleaſant, never wanting variety

variety of delightful objects to ſatisfie their greedieſt curioſities; ſometimes the religious Hermit, in his dark and unfrequented Cell, would invite their going aſtray a mile or two, the tops of Mountains or deſolate Wilderneſſes being their uſual places of abode; their ſevere and rigid life, with a ſtrange ſequeſtration from the worlds concerns, was not a little to be admired; their Diet and Lodging was as ſtrange, feeding on nothing but wild Fruits, and drinking nothing but ſpring-water, wearing nothing but a hairy Gown (and that next to their ſkins) nor lying on any thing but green Turfs and withered leaves: thus the Hermit: Then their riding through large and ſpacious Vineyards, thronged with ſtately Figtrees and Mulberries, with ſeveral other delicious Fruits, made them with themſelves perpetual Pil-

grims in these Elizian Fields. Sometimes would they go through brave and sumptuous Groves of Olive-Trees, so close and shady for many miles together, that they proved great friends in so near a neighborhood, by keeping off the scorching Sun from the melting Passenger: Then would they be extreamly delighted in the Orange and Lemon Groves, which pretty fruit seemed to out-vie one another in their amity, by nodding & bowing their yellow and sappy heads to the gentle Traveller to pull and eat his fill; next would present to their views the Citron and Pomgranet, who with a more surley and swarthy countenance would tell them, that notwithstanding their sullen looks, yet their in-side exceeded the rest of their neighbouring Kinsfolk both in taste and colour; and those that would not believe might try: Then the prickle Pares hu-

humility was worth the taking notice of, ſpreading it ſelf on the the ground, and ſubject to the trample of every Aſſe; yet his goodneſs perhaps not inferior to thoſe who grow more proudly and loftier: what ſhould I ſay, but in few words let you know that our mother Earth ſeems to be delighted in nothing more then a plentiful production of every thing which may contribute to the benefit and ſatisfaction of her commonly ingrate children? the very mountains, the moſt deſolate and barbarous places of that Land, this generous mother clads them in a noble Mantle, and attires them in no worſe an equipage then the beſt of our Engliſh Gardens; for there is no riding over any of thoſe places, but of neceſſity their Horſes Feet muſt tred on, and bruiſe the tender Herbs and choice Flowers, which grow ſo abundant-

ly, that 'twould puzzle the beſt Herbaliſt or Flowerift to give their names, and amaze them in their variety: The plenty likewiſe of Herds of Goats, and other Cattle was conſiderable, the Shepherd of every Flock being their proper owners, and attending them in ſuch a careful, but mufical manner, that none could ſee them without a particular obſervation; they all plaid on the Guittar and Cittern, and the irrational Animals prettily kept time to their mufical Notes: There was no Paſſenger, but with civility might be welcome to a draught of Milk, which the Shepherd liberally beſtowed on any that deſired it, having a little Cork Bucket fitting for ſuch a purpoſe. Through theſe delightful Objects paſs our amazed Travellers, till they came to the Frontiers of *Portugal*, which proved much more barren to that

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already known Countrey which their late Travels had acquainted them with. The continual Wars between them and the Spaniard is the only cauſe of a ſcarcity in thoſe parts; the Soil and Clime being as good as in any other place of the Kingdom; but who knows not what an enemy War is to Plenty? After *Rodolphus*'s firſt arrival at a conſiderable Frontier-Town called *Eſtremoſs*, he took up his Quarters, the reſidue of that Troop he belonged to being there diſpoſed of. As he went up the Streets, it chanced that a Portuguez Nobleman took notice of him, and immediately fancied him to reſemble a Brother of his which died not long before his coming thither; this Brother being very much beloved by *Don Juan de Silva*, who is this Nobleman, cauſed him to give *Rodolphus* an invitation to his Houſe, and

courteouſly told him, that if he pleaſed to accept the accommodation he there found, the beſt which his houſe afforded, ſhould freely be at his ſervice: this proved a civility very rare among thoſe Countrey Gentlemen, whoſe priviledges exempt them from quartering Souldiers, and whoſe jealouſie ſeldom admits of hardly their relational Acquaintances to come to their houſes. *Rodolphus* therefore finding ſuch an earneſt Invitation, embrac'd it with thanks, and with his Servant and Portmanteau, went to *Don Juan*'s; where they firſt found good Stabling for their Horſes, and afterwards as good Proviſion for themſelves: He found many conveniencies (by *Don Juan*'s continued kindneſſes) which the beſt of his Countrey-men wanted; for there his Dyet was incomparably dreſt, and alwayes ſeaſonable hours obſer-

ſerved, and a Table ſo plentifully ſpread, that *Inchequeen* himſelf would have envied the entertainment of our young Traveller, could he have imagined his varieties to exceed ſo much his own: but *Rodolphus* could not be ſatisfied with the uncivil cuſtom which they uſe to their Wives and Siſters, nay to their Mothers themſelves; for they never admit them to ſit down at Table with them, nor never ſo much as drink with them; they keep them at ſo ſtrange a diſtance, that their Wives muſt not lie with them but when they ſend for them, and then not above an hour or two; a ſtranger muſt not look on them, nor ſpeak to them: which made *Rodolphus* at firſt commit many errors, being ignorant of their mode: he was often in *Don Juan's* Houſe ſo miſtaken with talking and drinking, and other familiarities among the

Gentlewomen, that had it not been *Rodolphus*, he had found a chaſtiſement far exceeding his crimes, yet anſwerable to the *Portuguees* jealouſies; but the great love his noble Patron had for him, made him take no notice of his actions, or at leaſt paſt them by with a prudent careleſsneſs; yet not ſo unconcerned, but that *Rodolphus* ſoon found his miſtake, and by degrees weaned himſelf ſo much from his Engliſh Faſhions, that he became almoſt a *Portuguez*; which made him enjoy with the greater freedom the advantages that his noble quarters afforded him: he never had a Napkin twice, nor a Towel two daies together; he never lay in Sheets above a week, nor never wanted the beſt conveniencies that the curioſity of the better ſort of that Country enjoyed: he continued ſix months at leaſt

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at *Don Juan's* Houſe, and lived in ſo great a plenty and gallantry, that the beſt of the Engliſh Brigade came far ſhort in their accommodations, although they paid dear for it. But the time of action draws on, and a ſummons given for a ſpeedy preparation to a Campaigne life: the Spaniard is already in the field, and doing conſiderable miſchiefs; which makes the greater haſte for a general Muſter; *Rodolphus* takes leave of his beloved Landlord, and tenders with earneſtneſs a retaliation of his kindneſs; he would willingly have ſatisfied *Don Juan* for the great charge himſelf, Servant, and Horſes had put him unto; but he could fix nothing on him with all his Rhetorick, but found a free-Quarters for that long reſidence; and at his farewel this noble perſon beſtowed ſeveral conveniencies and pro-

proviſions on *Rodolphus*, ſuitable for a Campaignes want; he accepted only of an Engliſh Rapier, and that by perpetual importunities. But time calls away, which enforceth *Rodolphus*'s march, for by this time the Spaniard had poſſeſt himſelf of one of the moſt conſiderable Cities in *Portugal*, called by the name of *Ebora*; whether the ſucceſs of that bold atchievement was by the Spaniſh valour or Portuguez treachery, I will not now queſtion; but certain I am, that the loſs of this City did not only ſurprize, but likewiſe ſtartle and diſcourage the whole Army at the news of it: but *Don Zancho* a Portugal, and *Conde Chombergh* a Frenchman, being both wiſe and reſolute men, and Generaliſſimos of the Portugal Forces, did by their diſcreet conduct quickly regain their loſt City, and in a great and blou-

bloudy fight overthrew the Spaniſh Army with ſuch a general rout, that the whole plunder of the field, with all their bag and baggage, and thouſands of their lives paid for their late bold attempt: the reſolutions and valour of the Engliſh Brigade, was not a little inſtrumental in this great Victory, although the ingrate *Portugal* would not acknowledge it. I ſhall however wave their continued and treacherous baſeneſs which they always ſhewed to the Engliſh Army, which deſervedly merited their beſt eſteem; and only let you know, that in the fight there were loſt no leſs than four hundred of the Engliſh Cavalry, the whole number being but ſix hundred; which miſerable rack cauſed the poor Engliſhmen to return with hoarſe Trumpets & dead-beating Drums, notwithſtanding a certain and abſolute

ſolute Victory : *Rodolphus* at that time was Cornet of Horſe, but after the fight there were left more Officers than private Soldiers, the number of that gallant Regiment being reduced to one ſmall Troop : this cauſed a general endeavour by thoſe that ſurvived, to beſtow themſelves in other capacities, nd liſt among the Engliſh Infantry ; ſome got commands by vacancies which the engagement cauſed ; among which by the favour of Colonel *James Apſly*, *Rodolphus* got a Commiſſion for Captain of Foot, in which he continued for ſome months, till the fortune of War made him Priſoner to the Spaniard ; whoſe noble and heroick civilities obliged *Rodolphus* ſo much, that he fully determined at his releaſement to quit his command, and never engage himſelf more againſt a Nation which proved

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ſo far exceeding in all worth and honour, to thoſe he before hazzarded his life for: he with three or four more Engliſh men were taken by a party of Spaniſh Horſe, when they leaſt thought on't, and in the midſt of their recreations, being merrily flinging Oranges at one another in a pleaſant Grove near *Eſtremos*, a Frontier Town in *Portugal*: Whilſt they were thus diverting themſelves, the Spaniards came ratling in amongſt them, and immediately diſarm them, and carry them all away to a City called *Batajos in Caſtile*, where as Enemies they were honourably entertained; and during their confinement, they found all the curteſies and reſpect that could be imagined from their greateſt friends; they had their liberty to walk where they pleaſed on their paroll, only a Keeper with them; and after ſix weeks impriſonment, by way of Exchange

change they were reſtored to their former liberty; and after their arrival among their former Aſſociates, *Rodolphus* immediately reſign'd his command, and took ſhipping at *Lisbon*, with a fair and proſperous Gale, which ſoon brought them to *Dover*, where he took Poſt-Horſes for *London*; but at his arrival there, he found all his Relations gone, which made him make what haſte poſſible to his Fathers in *Oxfordſhire*, his ſtock being then but very ſmall. His Friends were a little ſurprized at his firſt coming home, his return being ſo ſudden, and his equipage ſo mean; but they ſoon conſidered his former adventures to be much after the ſame manner, and where ever he went (though never ſo well provided) yet the beſt account of his profit was alwayes mean and poor: they all very well knew, that when he left

left *England*, his accoutrements for Habit, and Horſes, with money in his pocket, ſtood his Father in little leſs then 200*l.* yet they ſoon perceived all the clothes on his back not to be worth two pence, and all the money in his pocket not amounting to 6 pence; but in health and in wealth, in poverty and in ſickneſs, *Rodolphus* ſtill found a moſt loving and indulgent Father: he now returns like the true Prodigal, eſpecially in one ſenſe, having eat and fed on Acrons in his Portuguez hardſhips. After ſome months reſidence among his Friends, he begins once more to work at the rough and hard Anvil of the Law, he keeps the Terms, is call'd to the Bar, and for a time goes on with delight; but he now meets with a rub, which uſually overturns more ſerious and fixt intents then his own; he is by Friends adviſed to

a Miſtreſs, and his own inclinations invite him to another; here is a *Scilly* and *Carybdis*, which certainly *Rodolphus* can never eſcape without a miſerable ſhipwrack: This takes him off from all his new begun ſtudies; now he begins once more to laſh out, and deſigns his courtſhip braveries ſo high, that he quickly found the inconveniency of ſuch exceſſes; he cares not for the party whom his Friends recommend him unto, nor ſhe which his own fancy leads him to, cares not for him. Thus we ſee poor *Rodolphus* miſerably toſt in Loves Blanket: he knows not how to flie or get out of this new confinment, but by travelling once more; he tries that way, and takes the opportunity of ſeeing *Ireland*, where yet he had never been; he traverſes all parts of that Country, and hop'd his abſence would have defac'd or at leaſt diminiſhed the intent

tent of Relations or his own Affections; he returns after a twelvemonths travel in that naked, yet plentiful Country; but finds his Miſtreſs ſtill continues in his eſteem, and his friends ſtill in their reſolves: He flies obedience to purſue love, but begins to wiſh he had fled love to purſue obedience; he lives in a timerous ſuſpence for ſome months, till a continued diſregard from his Admireſs, began firſt to cool his amorous flame, and at laſt clearly quench'd it. Being free from the very worſt of captivities, he once more reſolves to follow his Studies, and in obedience to his Fathers commands, he repairs to *London*; where at his Chamber in the *Inner-Temple* he continued with an unconcerned induſtry, till going to ſee a relation of his at *Hammerſmith*, he there finds another Devota; his fancy began to work Chimæras,

and in the midſt of his moſt ſerious thoughts, ſuch idle Ideas would preſent themſelves before him, that it hugely diſquietted his then contentment: he knew the danger of that malady he ſo lately to his hurt underwent, and he was very ſenſible that a relapſe was more dangerous than the firſt infection; he therefore endeavours to diſengage himſelf from that growing inconvenience, and in time to nip that inevitable evil in the bud; his deſires were not in vain executed; for he liv'd with a very great indifferency, and his actions and demeanours clearly teſtified his diſeſteem of any thing but his Book: he could ſee his *quondam* Miſtreſs without concern, and could be in her company without the leaſt appearance of Loves diſcovery: this made *Rodolphus* live hugely contented at his Siſters Houſe in *Ham-*

Hammersmith; till a Gentlewoman, which the Heavens had decreed to be his, came thither; the first sight of her assured him she was born to be his, and his real affections to her confirmed him in the belief of it: he misseth no time in prosecuting his suit, nor from the beginning will never admit of a denial; his endeavours are with success, for in less than two months he proved to be her Admirer, her Servant, and her Husband. Now 'tis time to sing a *Requiem*, not only to *Rodolphus*'s Travels and uncertain ramblings, but to this Discourse, which notwithstanding it be illiterate and imperfect, yet the Truth and Reality of it I hope will find an acceptance from those who bestow the perusal on *Inth's Unconstancy*.

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